

Lecture 5

Design Procedures for RO & MBR: WASDA as Decision Support System

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Decision Support System

- Interactive computer-based tools used by decision makers since 1960s to help answer questions, solve problems and support or refute conclusions
- Concepts: Spreadsheets, databases, networks, hypermedia, expert systems, visual programming, intelligent agents, neural networks, etc.
- Potential to improve decision quality, competitive edge, time-saving and productivity when users have both sufficient technical knowledge of the system and enough experience of the job.
- Widely used for the solution of various engineering and management problems



Learning outcomes and objectives

- WASDA as a decision support system for designing membrane processes
- Practice designing Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) systems.
- To perform tasks as consultants, design engineers and policy makers in relation to membrane processes

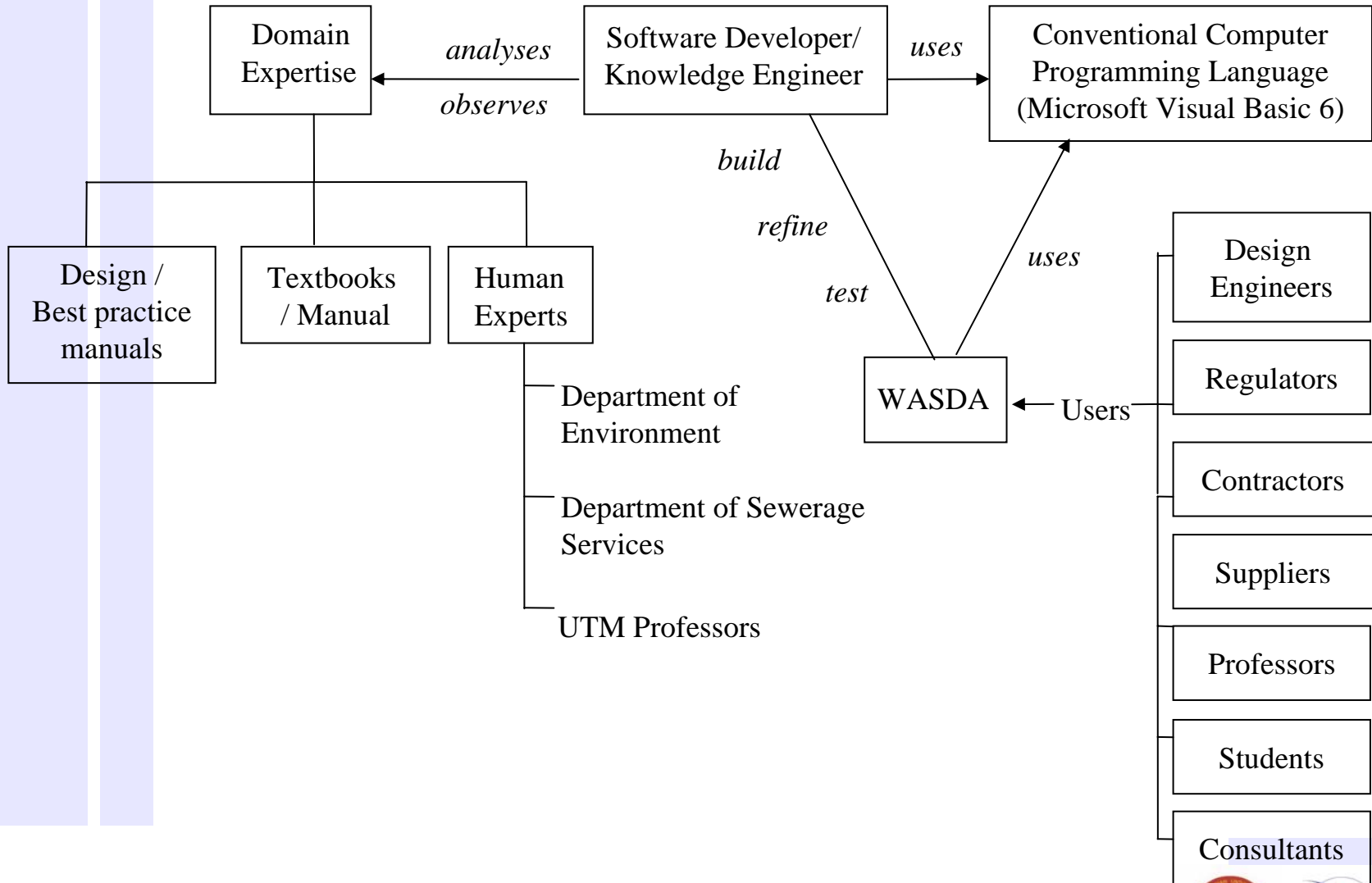


WASDA in brief

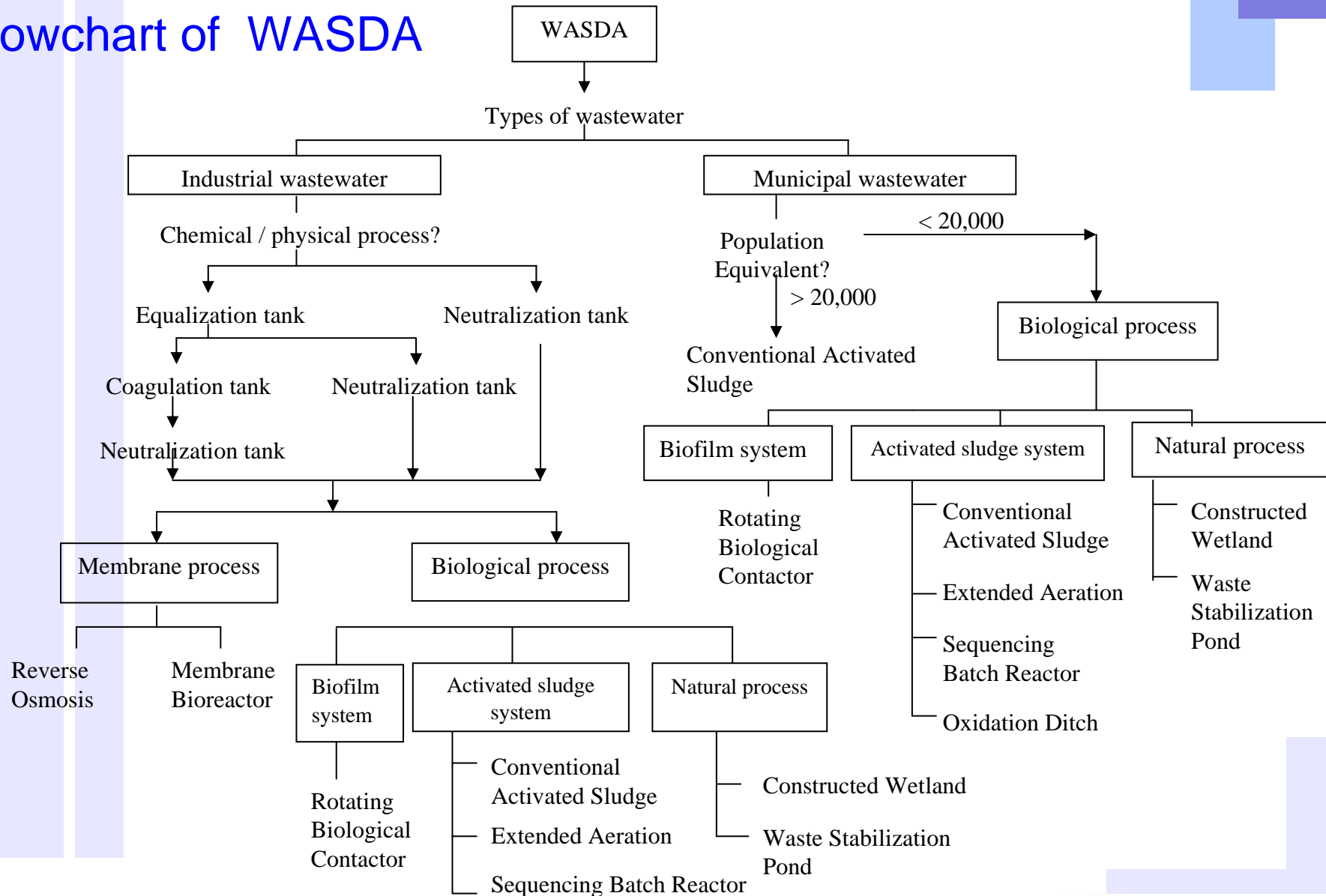
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Advisor.
- DSS was developed by IPASA-UTM, esp. for wastewater treatment plant design and decision making
- Contains 2 main parts:
 - (a) Knowledge / information base
 - (b) Design calculation spreadsheet
- Provides conceptual & process design recommendations for conventional wastewater, primary, secondary & advanced treatments – proposed by best practical manuals / public authorities (sewerage services / environmental control).
- Mainly focused on municipal and industrial applications to produce conceptual and process design for primary, secondary and advanced treatments.



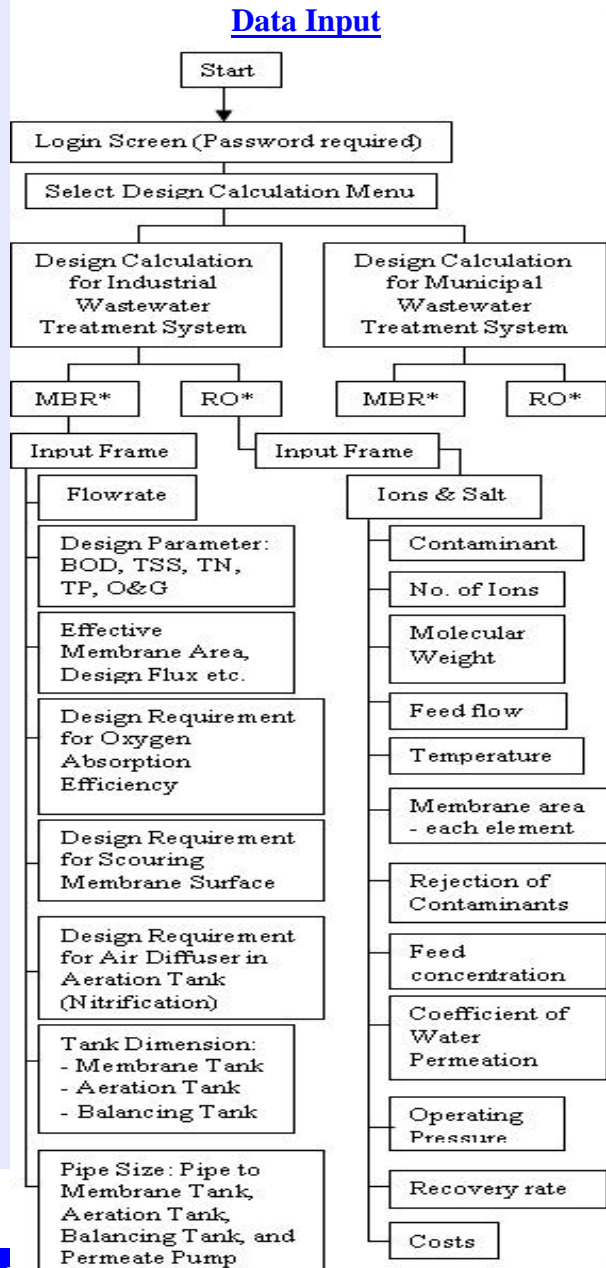
WASDA development process



Flowchart of WASDA



Architecture of MBR & RO Modules



Data Processing

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    graph TD
        CV[Constant values]
        SF[Safety Factor]
    
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Data Output

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    graph TD
        MBR[MBR*] --> OF1[Output Frame]
        RO[RO*] --> OF2[Output Frame]
        OF1 --> Removal[Percent removal for BOD, TSS, TN, TP, O&G]
        OF1 --> Loading[Pollutant loading]
        OF1 --> Membrane[Number of membrane / unit, Design MLSS in Membrane tank, F/M]
        OF1 --> OxygenReq[Oxygen Requirement for Respiration & Nitrification]
        OF1 --> AirFlow[Air flowrate]
        AirFlow --> Aeration[- Aeration tank]
        AirFlow --> Scouring[- Scouring membrane surface]
        AirFlow --> Mixing[- Mixing of Balancing tank]
        AirFlow --> Pipes[- Pipes]
        OF1 --> Capacity[Capacity of Equipments]
        OF1 --> TankVol[Tank Volume]
        OF2 --> Osmotic[Osmotic Pressure]
        OF2 --> MemAreaReq[Membrane area required]
        OF2 --> WaterFlux[Water Flux]
        OF2 --> MemElements[Membrane elements required]
        OF2 --> Permeate[Permeate flow and concentration]
        OF2 --> OpCosts[Operating Costs]
    
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Design Procedures

Calculation Screen for RO Module: Ions & Salt Removal



RO Unit Design Calculation - Ions & Salt

INPUT

Contaminant	Sodium Chloride	No. of Ions	2	Molecular Weight	58.45 g/gmol
Feed Flow	15 gal/min	Feed Concentration	800 mg/L	Coefficient of Water Permeation	1.9 $\times 10^{-6}$ gmol/cm ² .s.atm
Temperature	25 °C	Operating Pressure	300 psi	Recovery Rate Required	80 %
Membrane Area for Each Element	250 ft ²				
Rejection of Contaminants	99 %				

OUTPUT

Stage 1

Osmotic Pressure	9 psi	Water Flux	37.62 $\times 10^{-6}$ gmol/cm ² .s
Membrane Area Required	1506.01 ft ²	Membrane Elements Required	6

Stage 2

Osmotic Pressure	18 psi	Water Flux	36.46 $\times 10^{-6}$ gmol/cm ² .s
Membrane Area Required	753.01 ft ²	Membrane Elements Required	3

Permeate (Product)

Permeate Flow	12 gal/min	Permeate Concentration	10.94 mg/L
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Design Flow Conversion Unit Calculate Reset \$ Operating Costs

Design Procedures

Cost Estimation Screen for RO Module: Ions & Salt Removal



Operating Costs Estimation

INPUT

Plant Capacity gal/day Operating Pressure psi Recovery Rate %

Energy

Efficiency of Pump % Recovery of Feed Pump by Energy Recovery Equipment %

Cost of Electricity RM/kWh

Membrane Replacement

Membrane Cost RM/ft² Membrane Production Rate gal /ft².day Membrane Life year

Labour

Labour Cost per Hour RM/hr Hours per Shift hr/shift Shifts per Day number/day

Workers per Shift number/shift Labour overhead %

Spare Parts

Cost for Spare Parts RM / 1000 gal

Pretreatment and Posttreatment

Cost for Chemical RM/1000 gal Cost for Filters RM/1000 gal

Other

Other Costs RM/1000 gal

OUTPUT

Operating Costs RM / 1000 gal

Design Results

Result Summary Screen for RO Module: Ions & Salt Removal





Results Summary

Project Name: Skudai 1 plant

Person In charge: Ahmad

Contaminant Removed: Sodium Chloride

Plant Capacity	21600 gal/day	Feed Concentration	800 mg/L
Temperature	25 °C	Operating Pressure	300 psi
Rejection of Contaminants	99 %	Recovery Rate	80 %
Membrane Area for Each Element	250 ft ²	Stage of Processes	2
Total Osmotic Pressure	27 psi	Total Water Flux	74.08 gal/ft ² .day
Membrane Elements Required	9		
Permeate Flow	17280 gal/day	Permeate Concentration	10.94 mg/L
Operating Costs	20.19 RM/1000 gal		

Other info In WASDA

Information
Screen for
RO module



Membrane Operations

Term Membrane Operations

The term membrane operation is recommended rather than the term membrane process. In general, a process is supposed to consist of two or more operations. A membrane operation can be defined as an operation where a feed stream is divided

Type of Membrane Operations


A general classification of membrane operation can be obtained by considering the following parameters:

1. Driving force

Pressure-Driven Membrane Operations

These are membrane operations in which the driving force is a pressure difference across the membranes.

1. Reverse Osmosis (RO). Reverse osmosis is a pressure-driven membrane

 [Table: Comparison Between 4 Pressure-Driven Membrane Operations](#)


Permeation Operations

These are membrane operations where the driving force is activity mixtures. When applied to solutions, it is the solvent which is transferred through the membrane.

1. Gas Permeation (GP)

Dialysis Operations

These are membrane operations applied to solutions in which it is the solute which is transferred through the membrane. The driving forces is an activity or an electrical potential difference in the absence of any trans-membrane pressure difference.



Design Results

Input Screen for
MBR module –
Part 1



Design of Membrane Bioreactor - Industrial Wastewater Treatment (Part 1)

File Run Tools

INPUT (a)

Influent

Average Flow m³/d Daily Maximum Flow m³/d

Design Parameter

Influent BOD	<input type="text" value="2600"/> mg/l	Effluent BOD	<input type="text" value="10"/> mg/l
TSS	<input type="text" value="1500"/> mg/l	TSS	<input type="text" value="50"/> mg/l
T-N	<input type="text" value="300"/> mg/l	T-N	<input type="text" value="10"/> mg/l
T-P	<input type="text" value="200"/> mg/l	T-P	<input type="text" value="10"/> mg/l
Oil & Grease	<input type="text" value="600"/> mg/l	Oil & Grease	<input type="text" value="10"/> mg/l

Return Sludge Ratio Theoretical T-N removal %

Critical flux m/d Average Design Flux m/d

Effective membrane area m²/pc

Working factor of suction pump

Type of membrane unit

Required number of cartridge pieces

MLSS in aeration tank mg/l

BOD volume loading kgm⁻³d⁻¹

Ratio between oxygen utilization & BOD removal

Endogenous respiration rate

Ratio of MLVSS to MLSS

Oxygen Absorption Efficiency

Aeration Tank	Membrane Tank
Water Depth <input type="text" value="2.65"/> m	Water Depth <input type="text" value="2.65"/> m
% absorption for water in zero DO <input type="text" value="15"/> %	% absorption for water in zero DO <input type="text" value="4.5"/> %
Ratio between % absorption for sludge & water <input type="text" value="0.75"/>	Ratio between % absorption for sludge & water <input type="text" value="0.63"/>

Design Results

Input Screen for
MBR module –
Part 2



Design of Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) - Industrial Wastewater Treatment (Part 2)

File

INPUT (b)

For scouring membrane surface
Air flowrate/cartridge 10 l/min.pc O₂ conc. of air (20 °C) 0.2683 kg/m³

Air diffuser for aeration tank (nitrification)
Specific air flowrate 5 m³/h Effective length of diffuser 0.5 m/pc

Tank Dimension

Aeration Tank
Number of tank 1 Length 4.00 m
Width 1.80 m Height 2.65 m

Membrane Tank
Number of tank 1 Length 2.8 m
Width 1.20 m Height 2.65 m

Balancing Tank
Number of tank 1 Length 5.00 m
Width 4.00 m Height 2.50 m

Pipe Size
Pipe to Membrane Tank 50 mm
Pipe to Aeration Tank 40 mm
Pipe to Balancing Tank 40 mm

Permeate Pump
Size of discharge pipe 25 mm
Size of suction pipe 50 mm

Save Previous Next

Click to see next data

Design Results

Output Screen
for MBR module
– Part 1



Design of Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) - Industrial Wastewater Treatment (Part 3)

File Run Tools

OUTPUT (a)

Design Parameter

% BOD removed	99.6 %	% T-P removed	95 %
% TSS removed	96.7 %	% Oil & Grease removed	98.3 %
% T-N removed	96.7 %		

Design MLSS in Membrane Tank: 13333 mg/l

Design BOD-SS Loading or F/M ratio: 0.2 d⁻¹

Pollutant Loading

BOD	52 kg/d	SS	30 kg/d	T-N	6 kg/d
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Oxygen Requirement for Respiration and Nitrification

Quantity of BOD removed	52 kg/d
Oxygen used to provide energy for growth	26 kg/d
Oxygen used for endogenous respiration	19.6 kg/d
Oxygen total	45.6 kg/d

Calculated Number of Membrane: 125 pieces

Calculated Number of Unit: 1 unit

Air flow rate required for scouring membrane surface

Total air flow rate	1.25 m ³ /min
Oxygen Transfer Rate	13.69 kg/d

Air flow rate required for aeration tank

Oxygen for nitrification	31.91 kg/d
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Air diffuser for nitrification tank

Oxygen transfer rate	1.81 kg/d/pc
Required number of air diffuser	> 18 pcs
Required air flowrate	> 0.75 m ³ /min

Design Tank Volume

Aeration Tank

Theoretical tank volume	17.1 m ³	Design volume	19.08 m ³
HRT	22.9 h		

Membrane Tank

Design volume	8.9 m ³	HRT	10.68 h
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Balancing Tank

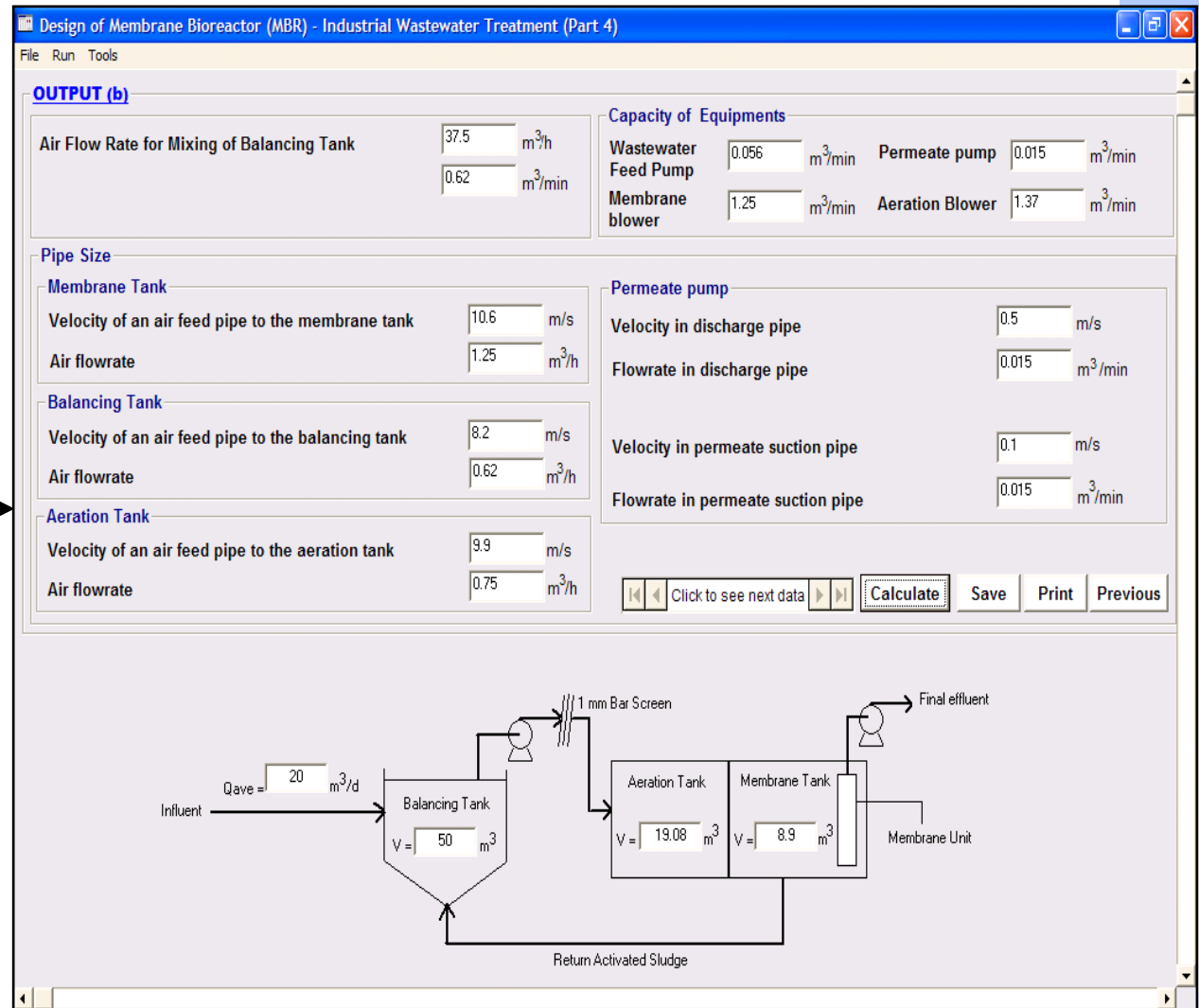
Design volume	50 m ³	HRT	60 h
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Calculate Save Previous Next

Design Results

Output Screen
for MBR module
– Part 2



Validation of Output: *What-If Analysis*

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Change *Operating Pressure* to evaluate change in *Water Flux*

Reactor Volume

Validation of Output: Descriptive Statistic Analysis

	Manual Calculation	WASDA
Mean	0.337785	0.337788
Standard Error	0.024246	0.024246
Median	0.341284	0.341287
Standard Deviation	0.059390	0.059390
Sample Variance	0.003527	0.003527
Kurtosis	-1.126304	-1.126312
Skewness	-0.213180	-0.213190
Range	0.158761	0.158762
Minimum	0.254017	0.254019
Maximum	0.412778	0.412781
Sum	2.026710	2.026726
Count	6.000000	6.000000

Group design assignment

Problem statement:

Water resources for Seremban, Nilai and Port Dickson to are to be upgraded in terms of resource availability and water quality. The existing dams (3) are no longer sufficient to provide enough volume for 2010. There are 2 options to meet this requirements, and for upgrading for 2015:

- A new dam which cost RM1.2 billion located in a reserved forest in Jelebu district, or
- An advanced water treatment plant, located downstream of Sungai Linggi.

Task:

As a consulting group, you are assigned to evaluate the feasibility of using membrane systems. Your opinion will be evaluated in a group presentation session, based both on technical and financial aspects.

